

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A baby support comprising:
a piece of fabric; and
a support pad positioned adjacent to the fabric, wherein the support pad
provides support for a baby's head and back when the fabric is wrapped about
the baby.

2. The baby support of Claim 1, further comprising a piece of material
secured to the fabric about the periphery of the piece of material so as to form a pouch,
said pouch configured to receive the support pad therein so as to maintain the support
pad in a desired position with respect to the fabric.

3. The baby support of Claim 1, further comprising a cover for receiving
the support pad.

4. The baby support of Claim 3, wherein the cover has an opening allowing
the support pad to be inserted and removed from the cover.

5. The baby support of Claim 3, additionally comprising:
at least one snap connected to the cover; and
at least one receiving snap connected to the fabric which engages the at
least one snap on the cover, so as to attach the cover to the fabric.

6. The baby support of Claim 3, additionally comprising:
at least one strip of Velcro connected to the cover; and
at least one receiving strip of Velcro connected to the fabric which
engages the at least one strip of Velcro on the cover so as to attach the cover to
the fabric.

7. The baby support of Claim 3, additionally comprising:
a zipper connected to the cover; and
a receiving zipper connected to the fabric which engages the zipper on
the cover so as to attach the cover to the fabric.

8. The baby support of Claim 1, further comprising:
at least one snap located on a first side of the fabric; and

at least one receiving snap located on a second side of the fabric in a configuration such that when the fabric is wrapped about the baby the at least one snap engages the at least one receiving snap, securing the fabric in position.

9. The baby support of Claim 1, further comprising:

at least one strip of Velcro located on a first side of the fabric;

at least one receiving strip of Velcro located on a second side of the fabric in a configuration such that when the fabric is wrapped about the baby the at least one strip of Velcro engages the at least one receiving strip of Velcro, securing the fabric in position.

10. The baby support of Claim 1, wherein the support pad is wider across a portion positioned under the baby's shoulder area and narrower across a portion positioned under the baby's foot area.

11. The baby support of Claim 1, wherein the support pad is substantially the same length as the baby's head and trunk along a portion positioned under the baby.

12. A baby support comprising:

a piece of fabric;

a support pad;

means for maintaining the support pad in a desired position with respect to the fabric such that when the fabric is wrapped about a baby the support pad provides support for a baby's head and back.

13. The baby support of Claim 12, wherein the means for maintaining the support pad in a desired position with respect to the fabric further comprises a cover configured to receive the support pad such that the support pad is inserted into the cover, and the cover attaches to the fabric in a desired position.

14. The baby support of Claim 13, wherein the cover has an opening allowing the support pad to be inserted and removed.

15. The baby support of Claim 13, additionally comprising:

at least one snap connected to the cover; and

at least one receiving snap connected to the fabric which engages the at least one snap on the cover, so as to attach the support pad to the fabric.

16. The baby support of Claim 13, additionally comprising:

at least one strip of Velcro connected to the cover; and
at least one receiving strip of Velcro connected to the fabric which
engages the at least one strip of Velcro on the cover, so as to attach the support
pad to the fabric.

5 17. The baby support of Claim 13, additionally comprising:
 a zipper connected to the cover; and
 a receiving zipper connected to the fabric which engages the zipper on
the cover, so as to attach the support pad to the fabric.

10 18. The baby support of Claim 12, wherein the means for maintaining the
support pad in a desired position with respect to the fabric further comprises a piece of
material secured about its periphery to the piece of fabric forming a pouch for receiving
the support pad, wherein the pouch has an opening for inserting and removing the
support pad.

15 19. The baby support of Claim 12, further comprising means for securing the
fabric about the baby.

20 20. The baby support of Claim 19, wherein the means for securing the fabric
about the baby comprises at least one snap located on a first side of the fabric, and at
least one receiving snap located on a second side of the fabric which engages the snap
on the first side of the fabric so as to secure the fabric about the baby.

25 21. The baby support of Claim 19, wherein the means for securing the fabric
about the baby comprises at least one piece of Velcro located on a first side of the
fabric, and at least one receiving strip of Velcro located on a second side of the fabric
which engages the at least one strip of Velcro on the first side of the fabric so as to
secure the fabric about the baby.

30 22. A baby support comprising:
 a blanket; and
 a resilient support pad positioned adjacent to the blanket wherein the
support pad provides support for a baby's head and back when the blanket is
wrapped about the baby and wherein the profile of the resilient support pad is
broader than the baby and substantially the same length as the baby.

23. The baby support of Claim 22, wherein the resilient support pad comprises Tempur-Pedic foam.

24. The baby support of Claim 22, additionally comprising a piece of material secured to the blanket about the periphery of the piece of material so as to form a pouch, said pouch configured to receive the support pad therein so as to position the support pad in a desired position with respect to the fabric.

25. The baby support of Claim 22, further comprising:

a support pad cover configured to receive the support pad such that the support pad is inserted into the cover, and maintaining the cover in a desired position on the blanket.

26. The baby support of Claim 25 further comprising means for maintaining the cover in a desired position on the blanket.

27. The baby support of Claim 26, wherein the means for maintaining the cover in a desired position on the blanket comprises:

at least one snap connected to the cover; and

at least one receiving snap connected to the blanket which engages the at least one snap on the cover so as to attach the cover to the blanket.

28. The baby support of Claim 26, wherein the means for maintaining the cover in a desired position on the blanket comprises:

at least one strip of Velcro connected to the cover; and

at least one receiving strip of Velcro connected to the blanket which engages the at least one strip of Velcro on the cover so as to attach the cover to the blanket.

29. The baby support of Claim 26, wherein the means for maintaining the cover in a desired position on the blanket comprises:

at least one zipper connected to the cover; and

at least one receiving zipper connected to the blanket which engages the zipper on the cover so as to attach the cover to the blanket.

30. The baby support of Claim 22, further comprising:

at least one snap located on a first side of the blanket; and

at least one receiving snap located on a second side of the blanket which engages the snap on the first side of the blanket so as to secure the blanket about the baby.

31. The baby support of Claim 22, further comprising:

at least one strip of Velcro located on a first side of the blanket; and
at least one receiving strip of Velcro located on a second side of the blanket which engages the at least one strip of Velcro on the first side of the blanket so as to secure the blanket about the baby.

32. A method of manufacturing a baby support, comprising:

configuring a support pad into a desired shape; and
positioning the support pad adjacent to a piece of fabric.

33. The method of Claim 32, further comprising configuring the support pad to be of a size such that when a baby is laid upon the support pad, the support pad is broader under the baby's shoulder area and narrower under the baby's foot area and approximately the same length as the baby;

34. The method of Claim 32, further comprising:

securing a first piece of material to the fabric about the periphery of the first piece of material so as to form a pouch; and
inserting the support pad into the pouch so as to maintain the support pad in a desired position with respect to the fabric.

35. The method of Claim 32, further comprising securing at least one piece of fabric about the periphery so as to form a cover for receiving the support pad, said cover having an opening for inserting and removing the support pad

36. The method of Claim 35, further comprising:

attaching at least one snap on the cover; and
attaching at least one receiving snap on the fabric which engages the at least one snap on the cover so as to secure the cover in a desired position with respect to the fabric.

37. The method of Claim 35, further comprising:

attaching at least one strip of Velcro on the cover; and

attaching at least one receiving strip of Velcro on the fabric which engages the at least one strip of Velcro on the cover so as to secure the cover in a desired position with respect to the fabric.

38. The method of Claim 35, further comprising:

attaching a zipper on the cover; and

attaching a receiving zipper on the fabric which engages the zipper on the cover so as to secure the cover in a desired position with respect to the fabric.

39. The method of Claim 32, further comprising:

attaching at least one snap on a first side of the fabric; and

attaching at least one receiving snap on a second side of the fabric which engages the snap on the first side of the fabric so as to secure the fabric about the baby.

40. The method of Claim 32, further comprising:

attaching at least one strip of Velcro on a first side of the fabric; and

attaching at least one receiving strip of Velcro on a second side of the fabric which engages the at least one strip of Velcro on the first side of the fabric so as to secure the fabric about the baby.

41. A baby support system comprising:

a first support structure configured to be wrapped about a baby; and

a second support structure positioned with respect to the first support structure in a configuration such that when the first support structure is wrapped about the baby, the second support structure is located in proximity to at least the head and back of a baby so as to provide support to the head and back when the baby is being carried or held or laying.

42. The baby support system of Claim 41, wherein the first support structure comprises a piece of fabric.

43. The baby support system of Claim 41, wherein the first support structure comprises a blanket.

44. The baby support system of Claim 41, wherein the second support structure comprises a resilient pad that at least partially conforms to the baby's body.

45. The baby support system of Claim 41, wherein the second support structure comprises Tempur-Pedic foam.

098374-12701
FOIA b 7 - E4/EE60